

At a Meeting of
RATHFRILAND VOLUNTEERS.

August 14th, 1784.

MR. GEORGE COWAN in the Chair.

A printed paper said to be Unanimously agreed to by a part of Rathfriland Company, Mr. Robert Sloan in the chair, and signed by said Sloan being read.

RESOLVED Unanimously, that said paper is false, scandalous and malicious; that Captain Barber so far from assuming power to which he was not entitled, suffered the company to be dictated to, and harrassed by litigious and troublesome members, who never could be at peace. That, we fully approve of Captain Barber's refusing to put an improper motion.—That, the form of the trial of the member alluded to for disobedience of orders, was assented to by himself,—That, he submitted to the sentence; that said Robert Sloan was a member of the Court-martial, and readily assented to the verdict, though he declares in said paper, they were packed of such as would implicitly obey Captain Barber.—That, we have no members of that description; that the orders said person was convicted of disobeying, were given on parade.—That, Captain Barber did not refuse a member an opportunity to explain his conduct; said member desired to be tried, he was refused unless a complaint was made. And Captain Barber is incapable of using harsh appellations to any man, we aver he did not; we rejoice that of late he hath taken to himself the powers we intrusted him with at his election, and which he has always exerted for our honor: We are now of ONE MIND, and will act under his command. That the requisitions deserved no answer, the last charge is ridiculous; every part of Captain Barber's conduct evinces he never made cringing submission to any man.

Resolved Unanimously, that James Parker, for distributing said infamous libel, on our Captain and Company, and for directing copies under cover to our officers, which were put into the Newry office; be and is expelled from this Corps, as unworthy to be enrolled in the VOLUNTEER ARMY.

Resolved, that our brethren in the Volunteer Army be assured, we can at this day bring as many Volunteers into the field in compleat uniform, as attended the late Newry Review, and that as the cause which impeded our growth is now happily removed.—We pledge ourselves to increase our numbers and improve our discipline.

Resolved, that it appears to this company from undoubted evidence, that said paper was not agreed to at the meeting mentioned, but a different paper read at said meeting, and said infamous libel substituted in its place.

GEORGE COWAN Chairman,
The mentioned as a Lieutenant in said libel.

We the undersigned members of the Volunteer Company of Rathfriland, were present at a meeting of part of said Company, on the third day of August inst. at which it is said in a paper signed Robert Sloan, the Resolutions therein contained were unanimously agreed to; we do declare that said Robert Sloan was not in the chair, and that said Paper as now printed was not the one agreed on at the meeting, and that we heartily disapprove of the publication of said paper.

George Cowan,
John M'Crum,
Samuel Magaw,
James Copland,

John Sloan,
Alexander M'Crum,
James M'Crum.

Being all who were present at said meeting except four.



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